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CANDLEMAS

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"Waiting." Simeon: "Waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him." S. Luke 2:25

"Waiting--a commonplace of daily life. We wait for breakfast, we wait for a bus, we wait at the doctor's or dentist's office, we wait at a movie, or concert, or church service to begin.

Some waits are long and painful. Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions waiting day after day, night after night, with scant hope of being rescued; a sich person sleepless with pain, waiting for morning light; a pri - soner waiting for the end of his term and for freedon; internees waiting for release, a war-torn world wait- ing for the peace of God.

What virtues are the special mark of those who try to make waiting of value to the shoul? What vices ar commonly engendered and need eradication? Grumbling, complaining, fault-finding, worry, lack of faith in God, idleness.

Yet waiting may be the opportunity for many a bless- ing for ourselves and others. In our Lord's Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard we read of the rancher who went out early to hire workers, then returned at noon and in the late afternoon for more men. The lat- er ones had idled, waiting for some one to hire them. Why were they not hired earlier? "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Apparently they had not exerted themselves to answer the earlier calls. There are many such idlers today, waiting for opportunity, which

is said to come only once. Sloth and indifference are vices, faults of character, which mar and often ruin one's life. Such is the case where waiting is not necessary and needs to be replaced by active seeking.

How may opportunities come to us unrecognized, while we wait for something else! Jesus, weary at the well of Samaria, waiting for His disciples to return with food, say an opportunity to talk to an alien woman and thereby save her soul and the souls of many despised Samaritans.

Times of waiting are times of preparation for some service God wants us to render Him. We do not know for what He may use us in this world, but this life eternal. Let us learn to use our waiting moments in saying short ejaculatory prayers of contrition, of love of praise, as occasion may suggest. Then God will grant us blessing, as He blessed the prayers of waiting Simeon.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SERVICES

ISSEI SERVICES

WEST END 10-12
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Fr. Kitagawa
7:30 P.M. Evensong-Sermon
Fr. Shoji

EAST END 32-12
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Fr. Shoji
7:30 P.M. Evensong-Sermon
Fr. Kitagawa

NISEI SERVICES

WEST END 10-12
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist,
Fr. Kitagawa
10:30 A.M. Church School
F. Watanabe

EAST END 32-12
9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Fr. Kitagawa
10:30 A.M. ChurchSchool
John Matsuoka

COLLECT

O, God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Christmas in Cincinnati wasn't the same as it was in the past years. Being with the family and heading for the church "onmasse" watching the flickering Christmas tree, exchanging greetings among friends, these things must be the core of Christmas, because for the first time I felt lonely and out of place. I guess there is no place like home. . . . It seems as though it was only a few days ago that we started school, but here it is just about the end of the semester. I wish it was a little longer, because the new friends I had made in classes are swell. Please give my regards to everyone. Paul Kasoguna University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sgt. Masato Hasegawa, A. S. T. P. Wayne University, College of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan, writes: Please thank the members of the Church of the Holy Apostles for their lovely gift. I am now in Wayne University College of Medicine under the Army Specialized Training Program. I am indeed happy that the Army has given me this opportunity because now I am assuredof finishing my medical training and I do hope thatI shall be of greater help in the armed services. . . . Detroit is a huge city, almost as large as Chicago but to my way of thinking, Detroit is a much cleaner looking city. I am doing most of my work at the Detroit Municiapl Receiving Hospital. . . Please extend my sincere thanks and best wishes to the members of the Church of the Holy Apostles.

George Kakehashi, Greetings from Western Massachusetts. Have seen Dante, Ruth, Martha and Howard. Regards to all. Am doing fine.

The Rev. Edric Weld, Holderness School, Plymouth, New Hampshire: May I take this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoy reading the Minidoka Churchman. We enjoyed very much the visit of George Kakehashi. He was - - kind enough to speak to the seniors on the relocation centers and the efforts now being made to make it possible for people to find homes and employment outside these centers. He said that hehad never given exactly this sort of talk, but he certainly did as well as though he had been giving a prepared address instead of speaking at short notice.

Martha Fukami, Merrill Keep, Northfield Seminary, East Northfield, Massachusetts. . . Yesterday Ruth received a telegram from George Kakehashi asking her to meet him at the station. We were quite mystified at first because we could not remember him. Well, she went to meet him and we certainly were happy to see a fellow Japanese. He was very nice and we had a nice long talk with him.

TREASURY REPORT

November Cash Balance $ 59.81

Receipts:		Expenditures:	
Offerings		Postages	
Loose	$46.96	Christmas Cards	$ 9.00
Thank	25.00	Precancelled Stamps	10.00
Birthday	5.50	Churchman	13.00
Memorial	3.00	Correspondence	4.50
Donations	20.00	Salaries	36.00
Pledges	42.50	Paper-Churchman	12.00
		Fr. Nakajo	5.00
		Gifts	15.00
		Church Supply	77.72
		To Janitors 10,32	3.00
Total Receipts	$ 142.96	Total Expenditures	185.22
Gross Receipts	$ 202.77		

Cash Balance at the end of December 1943 $ 17.55